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First private COVID Care Centre comes up in NR Constituency

- 135-bed care facility will be run by local leaders, Moulvis and volunteers
- Infected frontline COVID warriors being treated at Vikram Jeshta Hospital

Mysuru, July 23 (RK&BCT)- A full-fledged private COVID Care Centre — first in the series of three — opened in Narasimharaja (NR) Assembly Constituency this morning. The three private care facilities are aimed at controlling the spread of COVID-19 in the Constituency and notably local leaders, religious heads, Moulvis and voluntary organisations have come forward to set up and maintain these centres.

The first COVID Care Centre has been set up at Farooqia Women's Polytechnic in Udayagiri and the subsequent ones will come up at Andalus Public School in Rajivnagar and Beedi Workers Mazdoor Hospital in Azeez Sait Nagar. This initiative is in association with District Administration, Mysuru City Corporation, Health and Family Welfare Department, elected representatives and local political and religious leaders.

Deputy Commissioner Abhiram G. Sankar inspected and inaugurated the Farooqia Women's Polytechnic care facility this morning. The institution has been converted into a 135-bed care facility and in all the three COVID Care Centres, a minimum of 450 patients can be accommodated.

(See COVID CARE CENTRE on page 6)

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Mysuru COVID-19 UPDATE

Figures as per Government Media Bulletin released last evening

Positive cases	:	145
Cumulative POSITIVE cases	:	2,053
Total ACTIVE cases	:	1,275
Persons discharged	:	693
Deaths	:	85

STAR OF MYSORE

"We believe comment is free, but facts are sacred."

Editor: M. GOVINDE GOWDA, M.A.

Mysuru, Thursday 23rd July 2020

CET-2020: NIE conducts free online mock tests from July 23 to 29

Mysuru, July 23- The National Institute of Engineering (NIE), Mysuru, is conducting mock tests of K-CET 2020 from July 23 to 29 for Engineering aspirants. Candidates can take up the mock tests online through the official website https://www.nie.ac.in and also through following links:

Physics:https://forms.gle/tMGEKY2frnQUmReVA

Chemistry:https://forms.gle/QvSmz4ezoUsMdPGq6

Mathematics:https://forms.gle/YUUM74uMSKZoQY7R7

Mock tests will be of 70 minutes each in Physics, Chemistry and Mathematics. Candidates can take up the test in their convenient time from July 23 to July 29.

The mock tests will also have the facility of navigation through questions and sections. Once the answers are submitted, candidates will be able to view their score and correct answers.

PU students can utilise this free online mock test which will help them to understand the Karnataka CET paper pattern and also to know their preparation levels for the exam. For mock CET related issues or any other queries contact Dr. Chandra (99802-09605); Dr. B.N. Sankarshan (95350-51930); Dr. V. Lakshmi Ranganatha (98806-80493); Dr. K.S. Nithin (98454-73183); Dr. Shivarajkumar (97318-54570) and Dr. Shubha Nagaraj (99026-34479), according tom a press release from NIE Principal.

EDITOR'S BOTTOMLINE

The bad news is that the Coronavirus pandemic is rampant in India, one of the worst affected countries in the world. The worse news is that there are far more life-threatening afflictions in India than the Coronavirus, merciless killers which make COVID-19 look like a mischievous school-child in comparison. As this is written, India has seen a total number of some 12 lakh cases of Coronavirus infections, of which some 7 lakh people have recovered and 28,000 have died. According to the Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR), in 2016 there were more than 2.8 million deaths in the country due to cardiovascular disease, more than half of these of people below the age of 70.

The National Cancer Registry Programme maintained by the ICMR records over a million deaths by this disease every year, a number which is growing annually. Health authorities have estimated that a further 2.3 million premature deaths are caused each year by various forms of pollution, with air pollution alone accounting for over 1.2 million deaths per year. But perhaps the gravest threat to Indian lives is what is often called the 'silent killer' of chronic malnutrition, which is a euphemism for slow starvation. One out of every three of the country's children are 'stunted', their bodies and their brains significantly less developed than they ought to be for their age. There are reportedly more than 1.6 million under-five child deaths every year, with more than 4,500 child deaths every day, the highest in the world, more than in sub-Saharan Africa. This when we hear about rats eating hundreds of tons of grain stored in Government godowns, and when 10% of the country's population is clinically obese. Oh yes, the Coronavirus will have to be mighty smart to get us before a far more efficient dealer of death does the job first.

— Jug Suraiya in The Times of India

NEWS SPARKLERS

Woman hasn't cut her hair in 64 years!

Ben Tre Province: An 83-year-old woman from Vietnam's Ben Tre Province identified as Nguyen Thi Dinh, allegedly stopped cutting her hair when she was 19, which explains why her hair measures 6 meters in length and shaped like a python.

It all started when Nguyen Thi Dinh, from Binh Thanh Commune, in Giong Trom District, was 19-year-old and cut her hair for the first time. She claims to have experienced such severe headaches that her parents took her to see a doctor, but even after taking the prescribed treatment, the symptoms persisted. The headaches only went away when her hair started growing longer again, so she has refrained from cutting her locks ever since.

"Since then I have stopped cutting my hair, and as it grew back, my disease gradually improved. Strangely, when I washed my hair, my head started hurting again. So I stopped washing my hair completely and didn't let my hair touch water," Dinh recently said.

'Haunted photo' of ancient castle that still baffles experts

North Berwick: A photograph which some say shows a 'ghost' at Tantallon Castle in East Lothian has been dividing paranormal experts ever since it was first seen, more than 10 years ago.

Back in 2009, a man named Christopher Aitchison visited Tantallon Castle in East Lothian and snapped a photo of the ruins.

The castle, which dates back to the 14th century, is located on a remote headland near North Berwick and was badly damaged in 1651 during an attack by Oliver Cromwell's forces.

Tourists take pictures of the fortress all the time, but Aitchison's image has caused quite the stir - so much so that people are still talking about it 11 years later. That's because, if you zoom into it, the photo shows a figure in one of the windows, which some believe to be a ghost.

HEALTH CAPSULE by Bron Smith

How much water should I drink each day?

Current guidelines from the institute of medicine should get 91 ounces of water per day. That may sound overwhelming, but remember that at least 20 percent of your daily water consumption comes in the form of food. 1 medium apple contains 6 ounces of water.

** Health Capsules is not intended to be of a diagnostic nature.*

'Shivapada Ratnakosha' virtual release by CM

Mysuru, July 23- Chief Minister B.S. Yediyurappa will virtually release the book 'Shivapada Ratnakosha', published by JSS Granthamala of JSS Mahavidyapeetha on July 27 at a function organised at Suttur Mutt premises in city.

Suttur Seer Sri Shivarathri Deshikendra Swamiji, Sri Siddeshwara Swamiji of Jnana Yogashrama in Vijayapura and Siddalinga Mahaswamiji of Siddaganga Mutt will grace the occasion.

Deputy Chief Minister Govind Karjola will preside over the book release programme. Kannada, and Culture Minister C.T. Ravi will receive the first copy of the book. District In-charge Minister S.T. Somashekar will honour the authors of the book.

Book-lovers can buy the book 'Shivapada Ratnakosha' at 50% discount rate till July 31. For the benefit of devotees and general public, the programme will be telecast online at https://www.youtube.com/c/JSSMahavidyapeethaonline, https://www.facebook.com/JSSMVP and www.jssonline.org, according to a press release.

Entry restricted to Vontikoppal Temple on Shravana Saturdays

Mysuru, July 23 (RK&SD) - Due to rising number of Corona cases in city, the District Administration has decided to restrict entry of devotees to Sri Lakshmivenkataramanaswamy Temple (Srinivasa Temple) on KRS Road, Vontikoppal, in city on Saturdays in Shravana month.

In a press release issued by Mysuru City Police Commissioner Dr. Chandragupta, the entry to the temple is restricted to devotees on the following days: (Shravana Saturdays) From July 24, 6 pm to July 26, 5 am; from July 31, 6 pm to Aug. 2, 5 am; from Aug. 7, 6 pm to Aug. 9, 5 am and Aug. 14, 6 pm to Aug. 16, 5 am.

During Shravana, the fifth month of the Hindu calendar, which is considered to be the holiest month for devotees, particularly on Saturdays, large number of devotees visit the Vishnu temples to have *darshan*. Every year, devotees in large numbers throng Vontikoppal Temple to have *darshan* and offer prayers.

Really...?

- ***Pumpkins and avocados are fruits, not a vegetable.***
- ***Dark green vegetables are more Vitamin C rich. They include more Vitamin C than light green colour vegetables.***
- ***Banana is not a fruit in reality, it is a herb.***
- ***Osage orange fruits are used to repel cockroaches.***

LAUGHTER THE BEST MEDICINE

Wife : *How are you?*

Husband: *I'm not fine.*

Wife : *Why?*

Husband: *Because of You !!*

Today's Currency Rate

1 US Dollar	= Rs. 74.70
1 UK Pound	= Rs. 95.14
1 UAE Dirham	= Rs. 20.34
1 Euro	= Rs. 86.51

VOICE OF THE READER

MCC's property tax

assessment needs rectification

Sir,

A house, bungalow, villa albeit it being a duplex house, it is an independent dwelling unit even if it has a first floor. It is not an apartment and the land is not two.

However, if the upper floor has been constructed as two with separate entrance via staircase from outside and the first floor is designed to be fully functional with its own kitchen and bathrooms, living room, bedrooms and car parking for two or more vehicles, then it can be considered two houses. But the land is one and the share of the land is half the area for each.

Charging the land twice, 100% for the ground floor house and 100% for the upper floor is wrong and this has to be rectified.

— George Rego
on e-mail

Mysuru
22.7.2020

Social gatherings without COVID precautions

Sir,

We keep seeing newspaper reports of various associations and organisations having their annual team installation meetings.

It is a bit distressing to see that many such social gatherings seem to ignore basic precautions to be taken in these days of deadly COVID-19, including social distancing and wearing masks, for the sake of getting photos published. These are the very same organisations that are in the forefront of service activities in battling COVID; so it looks a bit ironic.

—S. Nagarajan

Kuvempunagar
22.7.2020

Webinar on 'Science Play on Fascinating Astronomy'

Dr. Purnima

Mysuru, July 23- Mysore Astronomical Society (MAS), Mysuru, one of the prominent astronomical clubs in Karnataka, is organising a Webinar on 'Science Play on Fascinating Astronomy' on July 26 (Sunday) at 6 pm through online platform.

The resource person is Dr. R. Purnima, Director, Children's Literary Club and formerly, Professor in English, Karnataka State Open University (KSOU), Mysuru. The play will be in English and belongs to the genre of Science Drama. It covers the Life and Times of Galileo Galilei, William and Caroline Herschel, besides referring to several others, including the Indian Astronomers of the past.

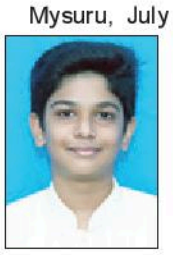
A recipient of Karnataka State Theatre Academy Award, Dr. Purnima has been awarded Fulbright-Nehru Senior Research Fellowship with the affiliation, University of Texas, Austin, USA for the topic "Empowering Young Lives through Arts: The Role of Educational Theatre in America."

She has acted, directed and produced concept designing, script writing, costume designing and theatre management. Besides writing books and articles, she has chaired sessions, delivered talks, conducted workshops, presented papers in State, National and International seminars and conferences.

The Webinar shall be conducted through Google meet. It is open for all. No registration fee.

Interested may contact Dr. S. A. Mohan Krishna on Mob: 96323-76757 or Student Coordinator Vaishnavi Srivatsa on Mob: 96327-48875, according to a press release.

Selected for Catch Them Young-2020 training at Infosys



Roshan Haritsa

Mysuru, July 23- Roshan R. Haritsa, a student of Acharya Vidya Kula, presently in IX Std (2020-2021), has been selected for Catch Them Young-2020 Training Programme conducted by Infosys, Mysuru.

He has cleared the Level-1 exam conducted at Infosys Campus in January. He will be attending the training conducted by Infosys from Aug. 3 to 14, according to a press release from B.T. Sarojini, Principal, Acharya Vidya Kula, Mysuru.

MLA Ramdas resolves to make

KR Constituency free of COVID deaths

Holds meeting with Task Force team

Mysuru, July 23 (RKB&SD)- K.R. MLA S.A. Ramdas has taken a resolve to make KR Constituency free of COVID deaths.

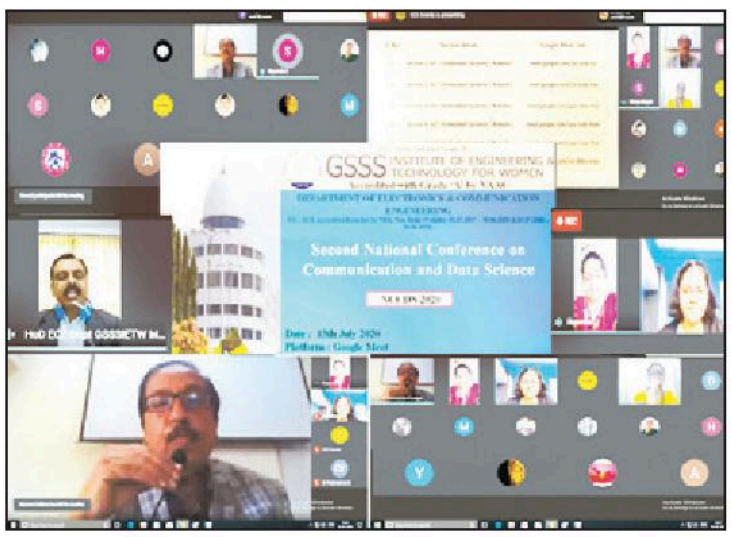
After holding meeting here on Tuesday with COVID-19 Task Force at his recently reopened office, MLA Ramdas, who heads the K.R. Constituency Task Force, said, "In an effort to control the spread of this pandemic in KR Constituency, all the members of the Task Force have agreed to work together. Concerned officials will be making a list of all development officers, health officials and assistant engineers working in all the Zonal Offices in the region and assign responsibilities to each one of them. Home Guards and Police Constables will be assigned in all 112 Containment Zones in KR Constituency."

"At the meeting, we have also decided to open COVID Care Centres in RTTC Centre premises in Thonachikoppal, Makkalakuta located opposite Sarada Vilas School and all the three Primary Health Centres (PHC), which would function on all seven days of a week," he added.

"We have instructed concerned officials to assign eight doctors for each zones from seven PHCs excluding COVID Care Centres of twelve PHCs and two maternity hospitals in KR Constituency. We are also planning to open a new Facility Centre in RTTC premises in Thonachikoppal. All these decisions were taken after holding discussions with Zonal Commissioners, Health Officials and District and Taluk Survey Officers," he said.

2nd National Conference

on 'Communication and Data Science'



Mysuru, July 23- The Department of Electronics & Communication Engineering of GSSS Institute of Engineering & Technology for Women (GSSSIETW), Mysuru, had organised the 2nd National Conference on 'Communication and Data Science (NCCDS - 2020)' in digital mode on July 15 under Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC) in association with ISTE, IETE and publication partner IJERT (International Journal of Engineering Research & Technology).

NCCDS - 2020 was inaugurated by Mathangi Sri, Head of Data-GoFood, Gojek, Bengaluru, distinguished chief guest and keynote speaker.

Mathangi Sri, in her inaugural address, appreciated the need for conferences and appraised all research scholars to share their knowledge and improve their skill in publishing research papers.

She advised young research scholars and students to make use of this opportunity for improving their research knowledge.

In her keynote address on the topic 'Data Driven Decisions,' she emphasised many important facts on current trends in Data Science, machine learning, consumer boom and computing boom technologies.

She explained many interesting facts on latest development of machine learning models used in industries, banks and financial institutions.

The conference was presided by Vanaja B. Pandit, Hon. Secretary, GSSS. R.K. Bharath, CEO & Management Committee Member, GSSS, Anupama B. Pandit, Administrative Officer, GSSSIETW, Dr. M. Shivakumar, General Chair, Principal, GSSSIETW, were present.

Conference Convener Dr. Rajendra R. Patil, Professor & Head, Dept. of ECE, welcomed the chief guest, panel members and participants. He also briefed them about NCCDS 2020.

NCCDS 2020 received 74 papers from Karnataka, Andhra Pradesh and Telangana States.

All papers were segregated for presentation in 13 different sessions based on the domain. Domain experts from various Engineering Colleges were identified to chair the sessions. From each session, Best Paper and Presentation Certificates were provided to the participants. Dr. S. Padmashree, Conference Convenor, Professor, Department of ECE, proposed a vote of thanks.

The inaugural programme was hosted by C. Shyamala, Assistant Professor, Department of ECE. Staff, students of ECE Department and Heads of all the Departments of GSSSIETW were present.

NEWS BRIEFS

College admission

The Government First Grade College for Women located in Vijayanagar 4th Stage, has started admissions to first year Under-Graduate courses (2020-21) — BA, B.Com, B.Sc and BBA. Interested girl students can apply along with the required records. For more details, call Mob: 99020-33578.

Loan facilities

Ambigara Chowdaiah Development Corporation has invited online / offline applications from eligible beneficiaries for availing facilities and loans under various Government schemes. The prescribed application forms can be downloaded from the Corporation's website — https://ambigaradevelopment.karnataka.gov.in or can be collected at the Corporation Office in their respective District or D. Devaraj Urs Backward Classes Development Corporation Office. Last date for applying is Aug.12. For more details, call Ph: 0821-2341194.

Admission for CIST Courses

Centre for Information Science and Technology (CIST), University of Mysore, is offering one-year Advanced Diploma in Information Technology (ADIT) and Diploma in Multimedia Production (DMP) courses for the candidates who have passed PUC; one-year Post Graduate Diploma in Multimedia Technology (PGDMT) and Post Graduate Diploma in Software Development (PGDSD) for Degree holders; two-year MSc., (IT) and MS Animation (MSA) for the current academic year (2020-21). Those interested may visit the website: http://www.uni-mysore.ac.in/ or contact Ph:0821-2419360, according to a press release from CIST Director.

KRS Water Level

(Maximum : 124.80 feet)

Today	107.72 ft
Yesterday	107.70 ft
Inflow	5,438 cusecs
Outflow	5,091 cusecs

Kabini Level

(Maximum : 2,284.00 feet)

Today	2,276.70 ft
Inflow	3,250 cusecs
Outflow	1,500 cusecs

Harangi Level

(Maximum : 2,859.00 feet)

Today	2,855.48 ft
Inflow	1,402 cusecs
Outflow	320 cusecs

'Red Mercury' sellers walk into Police net

- **Bengaluru-based software engineer loses Rs. 22 lakh**
- **Dismissed cop and a home guard among arrested**

Malavalli, July 23 (BCT)- Social media has become a hub for fake news these days. So many rumours and speculations are also transmitted there. The latest rumour that is doing the rounds on the internet is mercury tubes or red mercury, which is mostly found on old electronics such as televisions and radios.

Some people particularly pick up old types of radio as well as black-and-white television sets based on the rumours that they fetch lakhs of rupees in the market and certain websites are ready to offer high prices for them. Many people offer as high as Rs. 20,000 to Rs. 1 lakh for old TV sets.

Though there is no scientific study proving the uses of red mercury, mostly these rumours are the handiwork of a gang which perhaps wants to make money through propaganda. In the past too, people were duped with things like "Nagamani", rice pulling utensil, double-headed snakes, pitchers which turned lucky after lightning struck them, etc. Now they are using the bait of red mercury to cheat the gullible people.

A software engineer from Bengaluru has been cheated of Rs. 22 lakh by a gang after promising to deliver the 'precious' red mercury tube. The eight-member gang has been arrested by the Malavalli Police and have seized Rs. 10.36 lakh from them.

The arrested

The arrested have been identified as Nagendra Babu alias Babu and C. Rajesh from Devangapet in Kollegal, Sannu alias Afghnan Ahmed and Sajid Ahmed of Galipura in Chamarajanagar Rajesh from Hanur, Suresh Murthy, T. Umesh and D. Umesh from Kanakapura. A car and a bike that were used for the crime have been seized. A press conference was held at Malavalli Dy.SP Office in this regard yesterday where Mandya SP K. Parashuram gave out the details of the crime.

Quest for mercury tubes

Nithin Raj, a software engineer and a resident of Bengaluru had sent out a message in social media platforms that his friend requires red mercury tubes used in old radios and TV sets for the purpose of making a satellite prototype. Seeing the message, Nagendra Babu contacted Nithin Raj's brother and told him that he had two mercury tubes and he would sell them for Rs. 30 lakh.

This was conveyed to Nithin Raj and he agreed for the deal and negotiated with Nagendra Babu for over 10 days. On June 27, Nithin Raj took Rs. 26 lakh cash and went to meet Nagendra Babu who had called them to the outskirts of Malavalli near Kunigal. On reaching the spot, Nagendra Babu told Nithin Raj and his brother that as it was a secret operation, they must head to a secluded place to escape the eyes of the Police.

Fake Policemen

Accordingly, they moved near Kalabhairaveshwara Temple where the negotiation took place. After Nagendra Babu made sure that Nithin Raj had brought cash, a few men (other accused) dressed as Police arrived at the spot in a car. Seeing the Police and as part of the plan, Nagendra Babu fled the scene on his bike.

The men dressed as Police, questioned Nithin Raj and his brother and told them that they were indulging in illegal activity. They clicked photos of Nithin Raj and his brother and left the spot along with the cash. A baffled Nithin Raj called up Nagendra Babu who pleaded innocence. Babu repeatedly apologised to Nithin Raj as he had caused a financial loss.

Rs. 5 lakh more handed over

Babu then convinced Nithin Raj to deposit Rs. 5 lakh in a bank in Kollegal and told him that as soon as the cash was deposited, the two mercury tubes would be delivered. Nithin Raj deposited Rs. 5 lakh hoping to get hold of the mercury tubes. But Nagendra Babu never turned up to deliver the tubes.

Nithin Raj thought that as the mercury tube sale and procurement was illegal he did not lodge a Police complaint. But as it later dawned on him that he has been cheated, he filed a complaint on July 17 leading to the arrest of 8 persons. The Police team was headed by Malavalli Dy.SP Pruthvi.

A cop and a home guard

Investigation revealed that one of the accused Suresh Murthy was a Police Constable and he was dismissed from service five years back. Another accused C. Rajesh is a home guard and both had planned to cheat Nithin Raj. After the gang was nabbed, Nithin Raj gave a second statement mentioning that he was cheated of Rs. 22 lakh.

What is red mercury?

As the name suggests, it is a red liquid — Red Mercury (Hg) — that is rumoured to be an expensive compound. Though it has mercury in its name, there is no proper documentation to reaffirm the same. According to posts that are circulating across the internet, most of the old monochrome televisions contain this liquid in a tiny glass bottle like a container. It is said that a gram of this liquid is worth more than Rs. 10,000 and the liquid is used to make bombs.

The Police have asked people to inform the Police if anyone approaches them seeking to acquire red mercury as sale and purchase of red mercury is a punishable offence.

Two arrested while trying to sell stolen computer

Mysuru, July 23 (YDS&KS)- Krishnaraja (KR) Police have arrested two persons while they were attempting to sell a stolen computer and accessories. Police have recovered Rs. 20,000 worth stolen electronic items from them.

The arrested are 28-year-old Shashikumar and 20-year-old Narasimha. Both have been remanded to judicial custody.

During interrogation, the accused are said to have confessed of stealing the computer, CPU, keyboard and other items worth about Rs. 20,000 from the Government Girls PU College on Chamaraja Double Road.

It may be recalled that the Principal of the College had lodged a complaint at K.R. Police Station on July 6 and Inspector Srinivas, who had registered a case had taken up the investigation.

On Wednesday, when the K.R. Police were on their regular beat found the accused attempting to sell a computer and took them into custody on suspicion.

The accused were produced before the Court through video-conference and have been remanded to judicial custody.

Inspector Srinivas, Head Constable Shariff and staff Satish took part in the nabbing and recovery operation.

Mysuru: A Look at its Past...

By Gouri Satya, Sr.Journalist

Bubonic Plague and birth of a composer

Killer plague had attacked Mysuru when 'Saraswathi Vilasa Karnataka Nataka Sabha' Drama Company was at its height

My previous article on the plague of 1896 published in these columns on April 1 ***'When Bubonic Plague hit Mysore State in 1896'*** received an overwhelming response and was shared by many on the Facebook. They had appreciated the article as 'timely and well documented.' A few of them had added interesting points related to the deadly outbreak that took the lives in hundreds for three years.

The beating of a drum and warning people about the arrival of the "Maari", which was the only means of communicating to the people about the attack of the dangerous diseases in those days, is still in vogue, mostly announcing some festival procession or mass feeding as part of it.

"Maari bandaite, hushaarappo"

Here is a picture showing a *dangura* man in a Tamil Nadu village announcing the lockdown that was brought into effect a few days ago in the country. Referring to my mention of drummers going around a village or a town shouting *"Maari bandaite, hushaarappo",* the tweet added that a *dangura* man warning the people of the deadly outbreak may seem anachronistic, but still needed and effective in remote villages was posted as part of one of the comments by Vidya Murali.

The *dangura* man in the clip had a neem twig stuck on his hairs. During the outbreak of diseases, it was common to see women with children carrying *Thambittu* and twigs with neem leaves in a plate on their heads to the Maari temple praying to the folk deity to ward off the evil. This practice is still prevalent in towns or villages and one can come across women with *Thambittu* and neem leaves in a plate near a Mariyamma temple, even in Mysuru.

Here I remember my school days when home-made neem paste with turmeric powder was applied on the forearm where vaccination had been done at two places. As a precaution during summer when small-pox was occurring, care was being taken to vaccinate people, which would often cause a little swelling and puss formation for 2-3 days.

Naale Baa

Another practice by some people were marking a *'Naama'* on the door of their house and write below it in Kannada *Naale Baa,* asking the Maari not to come today. It would read the same every day — Don't come today, but come tomorrow!

Picking up the thread on neem, Dinakar Konanur said, "Any Maari is warded off by neem. So they usually stick a twig in their hair and hang a bunch at the doorway. I remember an old ritual followed in our home earlier. Before packing for any long travel, a twig of neem was put in the empty suitcase first — Benediction to keep off illnesses!"

As we are aware, neem is being used traditionally to make medicine as it contains curative properties that could help kill bacteria and serve as a cure for many other ailments. Its medicinal qualities and uses are outlined in the earliest Sanskrit writings, like Kautilya's *Arthashastra* of 4th century BC and ancient texts of Indian medicine like *Charaka Samhita* and *Susruta Samhita.* The tradition of tying neem twigs along with mango leaves at the entrance of a house during festivals is perhaps part of that belief.

Chinese connection

Another interesting comment was related to the tradition of worshipping of Mari or Mariamma. It read, "It was really interesting to discover that like our Mariamma shrines, Chinese folk religion has the Wen Shen, a deity responsible for the plague and their rituals "promoted fasting, interrupted social commerce, and required people to stay at home and keep their doors fastened against entry by evil spirits." The "rituals" seem to be similar to our "lockdown" rules."

Wen Shen, a deity responsible for plague.

Referring to my article, it said: "The article was very useful since we have been asking: How were epidemics fought then, how did people make collective decisions during a crisis? Today, our cities do not have the severe, unhygienic conditions as in the past, and yet, we seem to be in the same state today as then."

China's Instant City

While searching in Google, he had found an interesting book: *'The Shenzhen Experiment: The Story of China's Instant City'* wherein it had been stated, "Only two sacred banyan trees believed to have been planted with instruction from Zheng. The trees were still adorned with red ribbons, fastened by local villages praying for Tianhou's protection". This was again an ancient ritual of worship of the sacred fig *Aswatha* or banyan tree.

Dinakar Konanur, whose forefathers have left behind some of the items they used during their days, had tagged me to his post in which he had attached a few images of old letters of 1899, 1902 and 1906, written to his great grandfather by his elder brother wherein mention is made of the deadly epidemic.

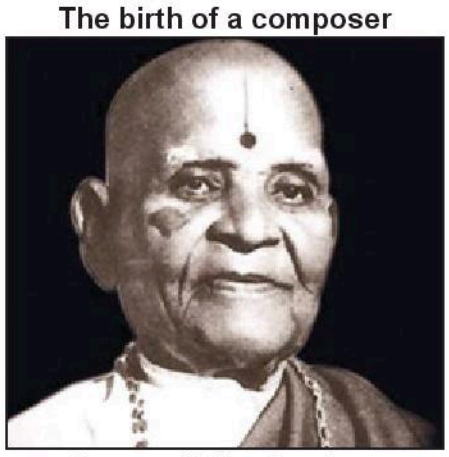
Letters during plague

One letter posted to Chikkamagalur dated 29.3.1899 said, "Unless plague leaves Mysore and its suburbs shortly, the poorer members of the bar [court] like myself will have to give up their profession for some time and take to some other service for their subsistence."

Another letter of 1902 said, "The frequent outbreak of plague has largely unsettled my mind as also the profession." A third letter posted on 30.11.1902 said, "We are camping out on account of the plague. There have been some fresh cases."

These writings show how in those days people were worried about their jobs and earnings like today when the epidemic affected their lives and livelihood.

The birth of a composer



Composer M. Vasudevacharya

Taking up the same subject, Raja Chandra, son-in-law of Jayachamaraja Wadiyar, has posted an interesting episode relating to renowned composer Mysore M. Vasudevacharya under the caption **"Bubonic plague and birth of a composer."** In one of his books, Vasudevacharya has recalled this incident and explained how a composer became in the early part of the last century.

During the great plague of 1905, most of the people who were within the Fort were shifted to temporary tents in what is known as Alanahalli, near Lalitha Mahal Palace. Vasudevacharya also found refuge there due to the proximity to an old Ursu gentleman, Gopala Raja Urs, who was contemporary of Vasudevacharya's father.

Seeing the havoc caused by plague, Urs told him about the uncertainties of life and said it was better to leave something for posterity for which he will be remembered. To this, young Vasudevacharya said what was there to be left, when they were gone. Urs asked Vasudevacharya, whom he called Vasu, to stop joking and compose kirtanas in his name as he had experience in music and good knowledge in Sahitya. It was the duty of a scholar like him to follow the path set by the elders and make use of his learning to do something for posterity and justice to his knowledge. May be, Urs added his name will also be remembered with Vasu's work.

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24x7 Dedicated COVID-19 Helplines

Mysuru, July 23 (RK&BCT)- In view of the increased numbers of COVID-19 cases reported in Mysuru in the last two to three weeks, the Mysuru District Administration has set up a dedicated COVID-19 Helplines for four Assembly Constituencies. The helplines will assist the residents of Chamaraja, Krishnaraja, Narasimharaja and Chamundeshwari constituencies.

- **Narasimharaja: 0821-2519535, 2519536**
- **Chamaraja: 0821-2519533**
- **Krishnaraja: 0821-2519531, 2519532**
- **Chamundeshwari: 0821-2519534**
- **MUDA Assistant Engineer Mahesh will be Nodal Officer for Helplines and he can be contacted on 99001-12344.**

The helplines have been established at new auditorium of the Vani Vilasa Water Works on KRS Road and the Centre will function 24X7. Trained professionals will assist people on various aspects and also guide them on availing of treatment in case they are infected or will guide the residents on their queries. The helplines have been set up on the instructions of the District Minister S.T. Somashekar.

The persons who receive calls will work as volunteers in three shifts of eight hours each and in each shift, 10 members will handle calls. Theirs will be volunteer service and will not be paid. They have been trained b the District Health Office on the nature of calls, handling anxieties, attending to and reporting emergencies, etc.

As soon as any number receives the call, the caller ID is noted and the details of the caller are noted down. The nature of the complaint is ascertained and the complaint will be forward to the department concerned for speedy redressal.

Irrelevant complaints will be weeded out and genuine ones are forwarded to the respective departments for action. A follow-up call is given back to the caller and the caller will be assigned a complaint number. All the helplines have begun functioning at 6 am today and calls are being handled. Till 12 pm today, over 30 calls were received, said officials.

The overall complaints and the action taken report will be handed over the District Health Officer and the Deputy Commissioner. Most of the complaints today were regarding treatment available, symptoms of the disease, joblessness and anxiety due to lack of income, where the positive patients will be treated and facilities available, etc.

First private COVID Care Centre

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These facilities are in addition to the care centres being set up by the District Administration in view of rising number of cases. While the Farooqia Women's Polytechnic has been readied and opened, the other two facilities would be converted into care centres soon.

Former Mayor Ayub Khan told *Star of Mysore* that Secretary of Farooqia Women's Polytechnic Taj Mohammad Khan, Head of Andalus Public School Nazir and General Secretary of Mysuru Beedi Workers Association Shoukath Pasha — responsible for the 50-bed Beedi Workers Mazdoor Hospital run by Central Government — have agreed to use the infrastructure to treat COVID-19 patients.

The Administration and the Mysuru City Corporation have provided beds, cots, pillows, ventilators, medical equipment, medicines and bed spreads and the facilities have been thoroughly cleaned and sanitised to accommodate patients. Ayub Khan said that to fulfil the food and water requirements of the COVID Care Centres, local organisations, Moulvis and voluntary groups have come forward to donate money and see to it that nutritious food is supplied to the patients.

"Doctors to treat the patients will be provided by us along with a dedicated team of volunteers who will function 24x7 at the COVID Care Centres. We will keep a close coordination with the District Administration and doctors from the Health and Family Welfare Department and follow the protocol laid down to treat the patients. Food and water will be supplied to the patients as per guidelines," he said.

Apart from those who test positive in Narasimharaja, patients from other areas too will be admitted in these facilities irrespective of caste and creed, Ayub Khan added.

Complimenting local leaders, religious heads and elected representatives, the DC said that this was the time for local associations to take the initiative of strengthening the COVID care infrastructure. "With 450 beds in Narasimharaja, the District Administration will get a big boost in its fight against pandemic," he said.

Religious leaders and heads of voluntary service organisations have assured the DC that they would extend all possible help to the District Administration to control the disease. MCC Works Committee President Asrathulla Khan, former Corporator Shoukath Pasha and leaders including Sadiq and Taj Mohammad Khan, political leaders from Kyathamaranahalli and others were present.

MLA to donate oxygen cylinders

NR MLA Tanveer Sait has informed that he would donate oxygen cylinders, flu metres, masks and other equipment to all the three COVID Care Centres in his Constituency. He said that he is doing this in his personal capacity to contain the spread of the disease.

16 infected frontline warriors admitted to Vikram Jeshta Hospital

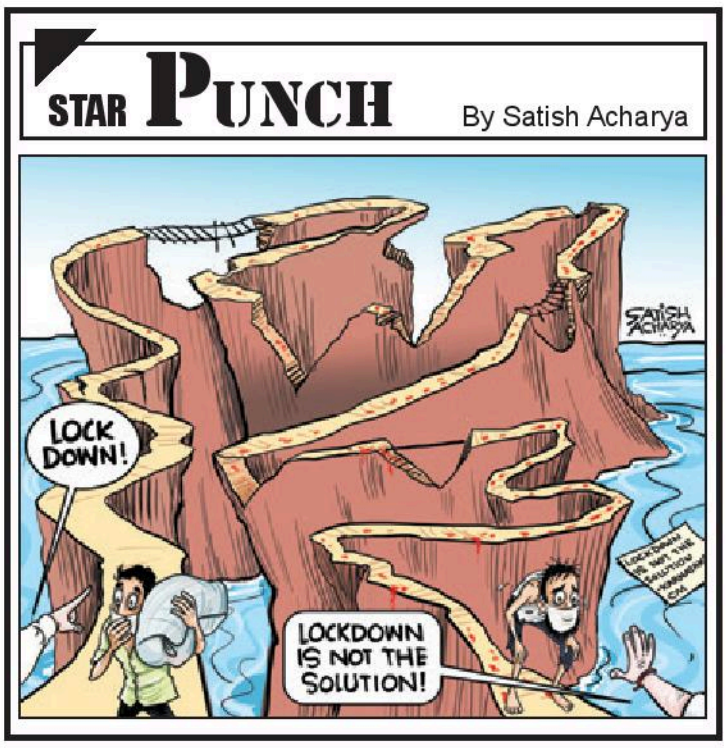
Mysuru, July 23 (RK&BCT)- Over 16 frontline COVID warriors who have been infected by Coronavirus have been admitted and are being treated at Vikram Jeshta Hospital on Vivekananda Road in Yadavagiri. Henceforth all those who are in the forefront of combating the pandemic and who get infected in the line of duty will be admitted here.

There are over 90 to 100 beds at the Hospital that was defunct and the District Administration recently took over the facility to establish a modern hospital with all the amenities including the crucial ventilators to treat patients with severe infections and co-morbidities.

While the facilities and equipment has been provided by the District Administration, the initiative of running the Hospital has been taken by MAHAN (Mysuru Association of Hospitals, Nursing Homes, Clinics and Diagnostic Centres).

The 16 patients who have been admitted at this hospital so far are healthcare workers and Policemen from the Karnataka State Reserve Police who have contracted the virus while performing their duties. MAHAN has formed MAHAN COVID Care Consortium that will run the Vikram Jeshta Hospital as a high-end COVID Care Centre to manage the infections among frontline warriors.

Salaries and other emoluments for the doctors and healthcare workers performing duties at the Hospital will be paid by MAHAN.



Total COVID positive cases crosses 2,000 in Mysuru district

Mysuru reports 145 fresh COVID cases and five deaths; Mandya sees 37 new cases; Kodagu reports seven and Chamarajanagar reports 31 fresh COVID cases and one death on Wednesday

Mysuru, July 23 (KS)- With 145 fresh COVID cases reported yesterday, Mysuru district has recorded a total of 2,053 positive cases with a total of 693 patients being discharged so far including 19 patients yesterday.

There are a total of 1,275 active cases in the district. Five COVID related deaths has been reported yesterday bringing the total deaths to 85, according to the media bulletin last evening.

The following are the COVID statistics of Mandya, Kodagu and Chamarajanagar, according to the State bulletin received last evening.

Mandya: Thirty Seven fresh COVID cases were reported in the district yesterday bringing the total number of positive cases to 960.

As many as 695 patients have been discharged so far and there are a total of 258 active cases and a total of seven COVID related deaths in the district.

Elderly COVID positive patient commits suicide: A 60-year-old man, who was admitted to the COVID Hospital in Mandya has committed suicide by hanging self at the hospital toilet. The elderly man, who was suffering from age-related ailments, was undergoing treatment at the General Ward of the hospital. Samples of his blood and throat fluid was collected on July 20 for COVID test. As the lab report confirmed that he was COVID positive, he was shifted from the General Ward to COVID Ward.

On Wednesday night, the elderly man began to suffer from severe respiratory problem and was shifted to the ICU. But as the respiratory problem escalated and unable to bear it, the man hanged himself at the toilet of the hospital with his dhoti, according to the doctors.

Kodagu: Kodagu has reported seven fresh COVID cases bring the total number of positives in the district to 288. A total of 210 patients have been discharged so far including 28 patients yesterday.

There are 73 active cases in the district and the total COVID related deaths are five.

Chamarajanagar: The district has reported 31 fresh COVID cases and the total number of positive cases are 395.

12 patients were discharged yesterday bringing the total discharges to 210. There are 180 active cases in the district now and one COVID related death was reported yesterday bringing the total deaths to five.

TEASER By N. Prakash

General Branch at City Police Commissioner's new Office sealed as Cop tests positive

Mysuru, July 23 (RK&KS) - The General Branch at the City Police Commissioner's new Office in Nazarbad has been sealed down and is being sanitised after a staff has tested positive for COVID.

The staff, attached to City Armed Reserve Police, was working at the General Branch on deputation. As he had developed COVID symptoms, he had refrained from work and was in home quarantine after giving his throat fluid sample for COVID test.

As the COVID test result declared him to be positive for the virus, the General Branch in the ground floor of the City Top Cop's new building has been sealed down and spraying of disinfectant is being undertaken.

Meanwhile, five to six staff working in the General Branch are kept under home quarantine.

City Law Courts closed again for two days

Mysuru, July 23 - Just a few days after the City Law Courts resumed functioning following a recent shutdown (July 8 and 9) after a practicing advocate tested positive for COVID-19, both the City Courts — District Law Courts Complex and Malalawadi Court Complex (behind Apollo Hospital) — have been closed for two days (July 22 and 23) after another advocate was found infected. Following the shut down, the MCC sanitised and disinfected the Courts' premises yesterday and today.

Meanwhile, Mysuru Bar Association President S.Anandkumar said that as another member of the Bar Association tested COVID-19 positive, the proceedings in both the Courts scheduled for July 22 and 23 have been cancelled and as such the advocates and litigants are appealed not to visit the Courts on both the days.

Rider succumbs to injuries

Mysuru, July 23 (RK&KS)- A two-wheeler rider, who had sustained serious head injuries when his bike collided with another bike near Bake Point Circle in Saraswathipuram on Tuesday night and was admitted to a private hospital nearby, has succumbed to injuries yesterday. Two others, who were on the other bike, are undergoing treatment.

The deceased is Rahul (26), a resident of K.G. Koppal in city, while the injured have been identified as Imran and Akash.

Rahul was proceeding from Sahukar Chennaiah Road towards Vishwamanawa Double Road on his Bajaj Pulsar bike (KA-09-HX-2114) when a speeding KTM bike from Vijaya Bank Circle collided with Rahul's bike resulting in Rahul sustaining serious head injuries.

Though he was rushed to a private hospital, Rahul succumbed to injuries within a few hours of being admitted to the hospital. Imran and Akash, who were on the KTM bike have also suffered injuries and have been admitted to a private hospital.

K.R. Traffic Inspector H.N. Vinay and staff, who rushed to the spot, conducted mahazar besides registering a case. Inspector Vinay said that though there is a night curfew in city, the youths had violated the order and rode the bike in a rash and negligent manner which had led to the accident.

Auto driver murdered

Cops suspect friends behind the crime

Mysuru, July 23 (KS) - An auto driver has been allegedly murdered with lethal weapons at Surya Bakery Circle in Hebbal on Tuesday night.

The deceased is Darshan (21), a resident of Hootagalli. Bus commuters, who alighted from a bus at the Circle, saw Darshan lying in a pool of blood on the roadside and immediately informed the Hebbal Police. The Police, who rushed to the spot, shifted Darshan to a Hospital, where the doctors declared him dead.

Meanwhile, Darshan's father, who has lodged a complaint with Hebbal Police, has stated that three persons had come to his house on Tuesday night and had taken Darshan with them, besides alleging that they had murdered his son. The Police have also suspected the hands of Darshan's friends behind his murder.

Obituary

Lok Singh Guddappa

Mysuru, July 23 - Lok Singh Guddappa (Shanidevara Guddappa), a resident of Jetti Street in Nazarbad, passed away yesterday following brief illness. He was 57.

He leaves behind his family members and a host of relatives and friends.

Last rites were performed at the foot of Chamundi Hill today, according to sources.

Sharadamma

Sharadamma (91), wife of late A. Anantaramiah and a resident of B. B. Garden in K. R. Mohalla passed away yesterday night following brief illness.

She leaves behind one son, four daughters and a host of relatives and friends.

Last rites were held at the foot of Chamundi Hill this afternoon, according to family sources.

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Decoding Mythology

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Financial lessons from Satyabhama

Krishna was raised by cowherds and then he moved from Vrindavan to Mathura and thence to Dwarka, where he married many women, often Princesses from surrounding kingdoms. But his status in the Yadava clan was ensured by his marriage to Satyabhama, daughter of the richest Yadava clan lord, Satrajit. Her stories often give us insights into financial prudery.

Satyabhama was the daughter of a Yadava chieftain, Satrajit. He had a sacred jewel called Syamantaka. This jewel gave him a lot of prosperity. Krishna felt this jewel should belong to the entire tribe. He believed everyone should have prosperity. However, Satrajit refused to part with the jewel. One day Satrajit's brother, Prasenjit, went out hunting, wearing the jewel on his body. In the jungle, a lion killed him. A bear, in turn, killed the lion, claimed the jewel and took it to his cave. When the news of Prasenjit's death reached Dwarka, everyone accused Krishna of murder. Krishna investigated the scene of the death and surmised it was not a murder. It was a hunting accident. Krishna found the jewel in the bear's cave and returned it to Satrajit.

Satrajit was very ashamed of falsely accusing Krishna. He not only begged Krishna to accept the jewel but also offered his daughter's hand in marriage to him. Krishna refused to keep the jewel but became his son-in-law. This is how Satyabhama became Krishna's wife. However, some men were angry that Satrajit gave Satyabhama to Krishna in marriage. They murdered Satrajit, and stole Syamantaka. Krishna punished the killers and brought back the jewel, but there was no way to reverse the tragedy. The jewel that could have brought prosperity to the entire country was restricted to one's man house, where it brought prosperity but also envy and misfortune. The men who wanted to marry Satyabhama really wanted to marry her to get the jewel in dowry.

Another story associated with Satyabhama speaks about financial transactions. It's about how people are eager to take a favour without wanting to return it. Indra, the king of Swarga needs Krishna's help to defeat the demon king, Naraka. Krishna does do this successfully. He's accompanied into battle by his wife, Satyabhama, who feels that her husband deserves a reward. She asks Indra for the Parijat tree which she can plant in her garden. Indra refuses to part with it, leading to a battle between him and Krishna, which he loses. Indra, who seeks help from Krishna in battle, is not willing to part with the Parijat tree, in return for the help. This reminds us of people who are constantly seeking help, but are not willing to reward those who help them.

When Krishna's friend, Sudama comes to Dwarka for help, Krishna in his love, offers all his fortune in exchange for the puffed rice, he is given by his friend. It is Satyabhama who warns Krishna to keep a portion of the wealth for the family and not give all of it away to his friend. Thus, she is the prudent wife; the one who reminds him of the importance of worldly wealth and power. Satyabhama is a demanding wife and Krishna knows her value. It is by marrying her, he becomes a part of the Yadu-vamsa clan. All his other wives belong to other tribes; she alone is from the Yadava family. This gives him the status of a nobleman. Otherwise, he would be just the child of a cowherd. The final story associated with Satyabhama and wealth is when Narada asks Krishna's wives for something equal to Krishna's weight. Taking the meaning literally, Satyabhama offers Narada all her gold. Rukmini offers him a sprig of tulsi as the symbol of her love. The symbol of love outweighs all the gold in Satyabhama's treasury.

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Spending to Live or Living to Spend !

By N.K.A. Ballal,
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A Gaur Gopal Das story which moved me: A man was ready to go to his office. His wife asked him to wait and told him to put some laundry clothes into the machine. However, she told him not to put too many clothes in the machine. The husband perplexed asked the reason. She explained that her maid had taken leave and was going to her home town to attend a festival with her daughter and grand child. So she won't be coming for another two days. So let us wash as much as needed only.

Ballal

The husband agreed and the wife further added: "The maid is going for a festival and to be with her family. Why don't we give Rs. 500 as a festival bonus."

The husband did not agree and said: "Another festival is coming next month. Let us give her then."

The wife persisted: "Why are you making an issue of this ? Everything has become so expensive these days. Rs. 500 would not make any difference to our budget. But let her celebrate the festival with her near and dear with joy. In case you do not agree, let us not have the pizza which you want to have for dinner. The cost of the pizza is 500 and I will give that money to her. Why blow away 500 rupees on 8 slices of bread."

The husband realised that his wife had made up her mind on giving the money and any further arguments meant that his pizza would be cut off from the dinner menu. So reluctantly he agreed and paid the money to the maid.

The domestic help came back after two days and was busy cleaning the house. The husband out of curiosity asked her: "How was your visit to the village and how was the festival?"

The maid replied: "Sir, it was very nice. Met my daughter, grand-daughter and my son-in-law after several months. Also madam had given me an extra 500 rupees as festival bonus. I am so grateful to both of you for that money."

Curious the man asked: "How did you spend the 500 rupees?"

So much joy in just 500 rupees? Totally surprised, the man in the house started thinking about the 8 slices of pizza. Each slice appeared in front of his eyes. He started comparing the expense incurred in buying one pizza for himself and the expenses incurred by his domestic help in the festival. First slice of pizza, a dress for her grand-daughter. Second slice, a doll for her grand-daughter. Third slice, sweet for the family. Fourth slice, bangles for the daughter. Fifth slice, belt for the son-in-law. Sixth slice, bus fare for the journey. Seventh and eighth slice, the balance money given away to the daughter for note-book and pencils. For the first time the man observed the pizza wholly from all sides. His domestic help had shown him the other side of pizza. In an instant, he had learnt the difference between "Spending to Live and Living to Spend."

With great joy, the woman answered: "I bought a beautiful dress worth Rs. 150 and a 40 rupees doll for my grand-daughter. I bought sweets worth Rs. 50. Nearly 60 rupees was spent on the bus fare. A belt worth 70 rupees for my son-in-law. The balance money I handed over to my daughter to buy bangles of her choice and a note-book for my grand-daughter."

When the man heard this, he thought to himself. So much joy in just 500 rupees ? Totally surprised, he started thinking about the 8 slices of pizza. Each slice appeared in front of his eyes. He started comparing the expense incurred in buying one pizza for himself and the expenses incurred by his domestic help in the festival. First slice of pizza, a dress for her grand-daughter. Second slice, a doll for her grand-daughter. Third slice, sweet for the family. Fourth slice, bangles for the daughter. Fifth slice, belt for the son-in-law. Sixth slice, bus fare for the journey. Seventh and eighth slice, the balance money given away to the daughter for note-book and pencils. For the first time the man observed the pizza wholly from all sides. His domestic help had shown him the other side of pizza. In an instant, he had learnt the difference between **"Spending to Live and Living to Spend."**

Of course, this does not mean that one should not have their pizza or that we should not spend on luxury for ourselves. It only means that while doing so we should not forget to share and care and do something for others too. Let us balance our standard of living with a great standard of giving too.

An old saying: "What your right hand gives, even your left hand should not know." But what is happening now in this COVID pandemic ? Every Tom, Dick and Harry are seen distributing masks, sanitisers or even food items and get themselves photographed. So many times these people are distributing items provided by somebody else and not spend from their own pockets too!

On the other hand there are hundreds of tireless people who are silently sharing whatever they have to mitigate the suffering of the have-nots. Sharing their pizza slice. In terms of value, a 500 rupees donation given by a daily wager is more than one crore given by an industrialist, duly photographed !

To conclude, share a little piece of pizza with the have-nots. You enjoy and let them enjoy a little too. Do you agree ?

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Rejuvenation of Kalyani adjacent to Siddalingapura Temple on Mysuru-Bengaluru Highway

Mysuru, July 23 (RK&DM)- Namma Mysuru Foundation, which has been directed by the Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) for construction of two heritage toilets at Town Hall and People's Park in keeping with the rich heritage tradition and architectural characteristics of the cultural city, has now taken up rejuvenation of the defunct Kalyani (Temple Pond) adjacent to the famous Subramanyaswamy temple at Siddalingapura on Mysuru-Bengaluru Highway.

The area around Kalyani, which was completely covered with wild growth of bushes and weeds, had become a place for illegal activities, especially during the night.

It all started a few days ago when a temple priest by name Subramanya, evincing interest in rejuvenating the Kalyani, sought the construction team of Namma Mysuru Foundation (NMF), which was at work at a nearby site, a Hitachi machine for cleaning up the Kalyani. After learning that the Temple Kalyani had become defunct, Dasharath of Namma Mysuru Foundation visited the spot and assured Subramanya and other temple authorities of rejuvenating the Kalyani.

Soon, the works began with the weeding out of bushes around the Kalyani, which has 21 steps. Also the silt in the pond will be removed and all the water entry points to the Kalyani will be cleared of all blockings.

The NMF has also proposed to construct a wall around the Kalyani after the rejuvenation works are completed, according to Dasharath, who further said that the NMF has also plans to renovate Subramanyaswamy temple on the ever-busy Mysuru-Bengaluru Highway at Siddalingapura in the coming days.

Five nominated to Legislative Council

Bengaluru, July 23- Governor Vajubhai R. Vala on Wednesday nominated five persons including former Ministers A.H. Vishwanath and C.P. Yogeshwar and three others to the State Legislative Council. The three others nominated are BJP Mahila Morcha President Bharathi Shetty, Academician from Belagavi Sabanna Talwar and Tribal activist Shantaram Budna Siddi.

The nomination comes as a relief to Vishwanath who had defected from the Congress to the JD(S) ahead of the 2018 Assembly polls and later from the JD(S) to the BJP in July last year after quitting as sitting MLA from Hunsur. He had played a key role in the collapse of the previous coalition Government.

A.H. Vishwanath *C.P. Yogeshwar* *Bharathi Shetty* *Sabanna Talwar* *Shantaram Siddi*

Yogeshwar, who was a Minister in the BJP Cabinet over seven years ago, had lost the polls from Channapatna Constituency in the 2018 Assembly polls to H.D. Kumaraswamy of JD(S). Yogeshwar too had reportedly played a key role in engineering defections from Kumaraswamy led JD(S)-Congress coalition Government last year, which had resulted in BJP returning to power again in the State. Bharathi Shetty is currently heading the State Women's Wing of BJP.

Sabanna Talwar is Chairman of the Economics Department at Rani Chennamma University in Belagavi, while Shantaram Siddi is an activist from Siddi Tribe, which traces its origins to Africa. Siddi has been working for tribal cause for over three decades through Vanavasi Kalyana Ashrama, an NGO. Both of them are from ST Community and their nomination, unlike the first three, were reportedly recommended by party High Command and is in line with its recent initiative to reward low-profile party workers.

Only last month, the BJP Central leadership had nominated party workers Ashok Gasti and Eranna Kadadi to the Rajya Sabha (RS).

WORD OF THE DAY

Farrago

Pronunciation: fuh-RAH-goh.
Meaning: A confused mixture : hodgepodge.
Origin: Farrago might seem an unlikely relative of farina (the name for the mealy breakfast cereal), but the two terms have their roots in the same Latin noun. Both derive from far, the Latin name for spelt (a type of grain). In Latin, farrago meant "mixed fodder"— cattle feed, that is. It was also used more generally to mean "mixture." When it was adopted into English in the early 1600s, farrago retained the "mixture" sense of its ancestor. Today, we often use it for a jumble or medley of disorganised, haphazard, or even nonsensical ideas or elements.
Example: Combining these plots is a terrible idea for multiple reasons. One is simply logistical; the fusion turns two improbable but engaging stories into a ludicrous farrago. — Laura Miller

THE ODD WORD

Factive

Indicating causation.

PHRASE OF THE DAY

Face the music

Meaning: Accept the unpleasant consequences of one's actions.
Origin: The phrase 'face the music' has an agreeable imagery. We feel that we can picture who was facing what and what music was playing at the time. Regrettably, the documentary records don't point to any clear source for the phrase and we are, as so often, at the mercy of plausible speculation. There was, of course, a definitive and unique origin for the expression 'face the music' and whoever coined it was quite certain of the circumstances and the music being referred to. Let's hope at least that one of the following suggestions is the correct one, even though there is no clear evidence to prove it.
A commonly repeated assertion is that 'face the music' originated from the tradition of disgraced officers being 'drummed out' of their regiment. A second popular theory is that it was actors who 'faced the music', that is, faced the orchestra pit, when they went on stage. A third theory, less likely but quite interesting none the less, was recounted with some confidence by a member of the choir at a choral concert I attended recently in Sheffield. It relates to the old UK practice of West Gallery singing. This was singing, literally from the west galleries of English churches, by the common peasantry who weren't allowed to sit in the higher status parts of the church. The theory was that the nobility were obliged to listen to the vernacular songs of the parishioners, often with lyrics that were critical of the ways of the gentry.

QUOTE BOX

Music gives a soul to the universe, wings to the mind, flight to the imagination and life to everything. **—Plato**

RIDDLE THIS

David's parents have three sons: Snap, Crackle, and what's the name of the third son?

Answer: David.

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Answer to previous puzzle

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Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Concept is Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

CROSS WORD

ACROSS:

1 Knife handle
5 Indian music form
9 State Trdg. Corp.
12 Winglike
13 Baking-place
14 Prefix for fix
15 Peruvian capital
16 Recollections
18 Notion
20 Plunges into water head first
21 Backless shoes
23 Causes reverence
25 Bird: prefix
26 In short, it is a measure of your car speed
28 Recedes or flows back
32 Body of water
33 Agri. Resch. Inst.
34 Spanish cry of encouragement or cheer
35 Listen to, poetically speaking
37 Outstanding
39 Gibson or Brooks of Hollywood
40 Words from a confident person (1,3)
42 Afghanistan's capital city
44 Famous German automatic pistol?
47 Gives up the ghost?
48 Indian mountain range
51 Web page
54 Decimal base
55 Dancer type (2-2)
56 ___ Preminger : famous Hollywood producer & director?
57 An ugly old woman
58 Plaintiff - "ruse" anagram?
59 Wooden pins pushed or driven into a surface

DOWN

1 ___ 9000: Sentient computer in 2001: A Space Odyssey
2 Ex-India all-rounder Abid ___
3 ____ spirit : demon serving witch, etc.?
4 Export and import
5 Their capital for the Italians?
6 Greeting from ancient Romans?
7 A highly valued thing or person - as in "he is a ___ of a friend"?
8 The positive electrode
9 Black-marketeer
10 Oak for example
11 Tax
17 Ascend
19 A river of Scotland
21 Squash or pulverize
22 Eye part
23 Dress cover
24 Leather stick
27 Local word for mother and goddess?
29 The remains of a building which has been destroyed by an explosion during war?
30 The French for 'blue'
31 ___ short: disparage or underestimate?
36 Capital of Ukraine
38 Go sportingly downhill on a snowy mountain
41 Steep rugged rocks
43 Famous author of many a fable
44 Thin
45 Nitrogenous fertilizer
46 Criminal group
47 Fashion name: Christian ___
49 Bud's movie partner
50 Large, abbr.
52 Time To Go
53 Greek goddess of the dawn

YESTERDAY'S ANSWER

I	A	M	A	■	D	R	Y	■	S	A	T	A
S	T	U	N	■	A	L	I	■	C	L	U	B
P	E	R	V	E	R	S	E	■	O	C	T	A
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S	H	E	N	S	I	■	S	S	C	■	■	■
M	I	N	I	■	N	A	T	I	O	N	A	L
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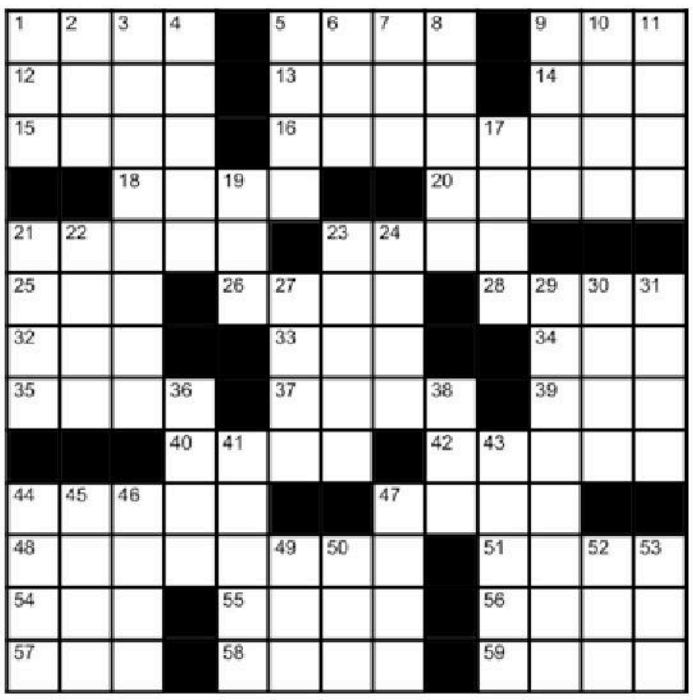

CRYPTOQUIP

The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

SBZS PBRXB BZO ZUPZGO TKKY ZXXKESKL TG KNKCGWYK,

KNKCGPBKCK, RO ZUDWOS XKCSZRY SW TK IZUOK.

TODAY'S CLUE: B EQUALS H

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: Liberty means responsibility. That is why most men dread it.

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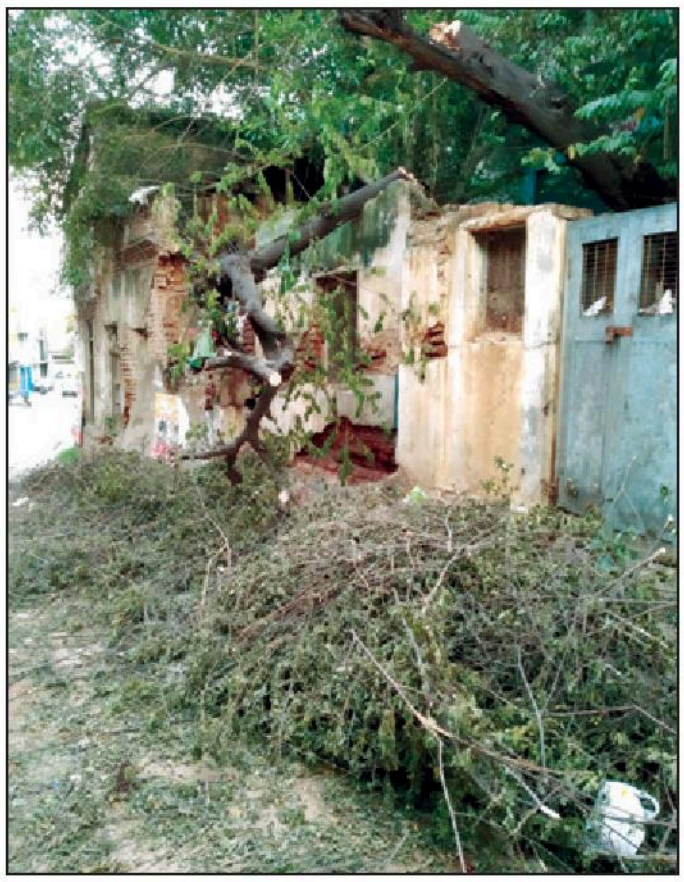
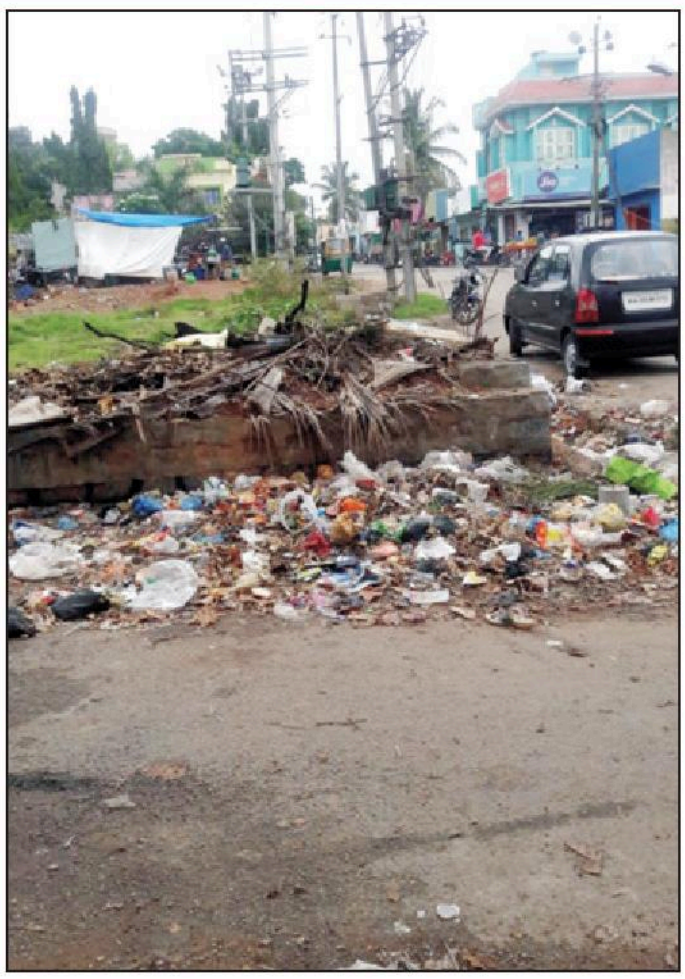
Fallen tree branches hampering vehicular movement at Halladakeri



Fallen tree branches on the 35th Cross of Ashoka Road in Halladakeri have blocked the road and is hampering vehicular movement. Also, another tree branch is hanging dangerously and is posing a threat to pedestrians. Authorities concerned are urged to take steps to get the fallen tree branches and also get the hanging tree branch removed at the earliest.

Foul smell emanating from garbage dump at Azeez Sait Nagar



Uncleared garbage dump is emanating foul smell at Azeez Sait Nagar causing a lot of inconvenience to the residents living in the surrounding. The residents alleged that garbage was not being cleared regularly and during rains it enters the drains resulting in clogging of drains and sewage water entering the houses. Authorities concerned are urged to take steps to get the garbage cleared on a regular basis.

Bubonic Plague

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This conversation left a deep impression on Vasudevacharya and the result was the composition, *"Chintayeham Janakikantamsantatam."* The rest is history, recalls Raja Chandra, quoting from Vasudevacharya's book.

Theatre movement in Mysuru

Another comment posted on Facebook recalled the tragic occurrence in the family, "It was during this plague the entire family of my father was wiped out except my grandfather who was working with MSM Railways. He resigned from the job and whatever he got he did *sharaddha* for the departed soul in Dharwad Shirahatti Wada which still exists."

This comment brought to my mind a recorded tragic death of a famous dramatist in Mysuru during the days of Maharaja Chamaraja Wadiyar. Though the "Dashavatara Company" was staging dramas since 1814 in the Mysore Palace, it was Chamaraja Wadiyar who gave a big fillip to the theatre movement in Mysuru by establishing the Chamarajendra Karnataka Nataka Sabha in 1882.

Chamaraja Wadiyar's contribution

Chamaraja Wadiyar

After ascending the throne, he opened the doors for Marathi and Parsi theatre companies to stage dramas in the Palace. Some of the well-known Sanskrit plays were translated into Kannada. Chamaraja Wadiyar had such excellent knowledge of the theatre he could even pinpoint the lapses in performance.

At that time, Rangacharya of Mandya was also holding dramas under the auspices of the 'Saraswathi Vilasa Karnataka Nataka Sabha' established by him in Mysuru. This Sabha was as good as the Palace Company in staging dramas, if not better. Rangacharya and his associate Narasimhaiah were popular in the roles of Raja and Rani.

Though he hailed from a priest family of the Palace, Narasimhaiah had taken a keen interest in theatre activity. Besides looking attractive, he had an excellent voice and was gifted with talent, including in reciting poems from Kumaravyasa and Lakshmisha's works as a Gamaki, he aptly fitted into the role of a queen. Both of them brought fame to the Nataka Sabha capturing the minds of the spectators.

After a few years, Rangacharya left Mysuru and the task of running the drama company fell on the shoulders of Narasimhaiah, which he did not hesitate to shoulder. He further carried forward the Sabha, established by Rangacharya, playing both the characters of 'Raja' and 'Rani'. The dramas staged by him became so popular his Sabha could even compete with the Palace Company, though lacking adequate funds. He took his team to Bengaluru and Bellary and the plays he staged there brought more laurels.

When plague attacked Mysuru

A.V. Varadacharya

Though he was appearing in both the lead roles, Narasimhaiah was looking for a befitting person to fill in the place of Rangacharya. At this juncture, he saw A.V. Varadacharya, who became very popular in the later years, persuaded him to join his drama company and brought him to Mysuru. The very first play, *"Shakunthala"*, in which both of them appeared, became a hit. Varadacharya had played the role of the king, "Dushyanta". However, after some time, Varadacharya returned to Bengaluru and Narasimhaiah had to take up the dual role again.

It was at this juncture, plague attacked Mysuru. While his drama company was at its height, the plague brought devastation in Mysuru, Bengaluru and other parts of Mysuru State. Narasimhaiah had no other option but to close his company. He went to Srirangapatna and began to recite Kumara Vyasa's *Bharata* in the streets of that town for the sake of his livelihood. After persuasion by a relative, he came to Nanjangud and continued with *Bharata Vachana*, who became popular there also. However, dejection arose in life and began to wear the robes of *Sanyasi*. People began to address him 'Yogishwara'.

Coming to know that plague had attacked Mysuru for the third successive year and people were dying in scores, he returned to his native city. He went to the assistance of the Government doctor, Achutha Rao, and began to serve the plague-affected. Seeing their hardship, he again took up to stage dramas and spent on the patients whatever he had earned. His dedicated service saved many lives and people admired Narasimhaiah for his selfless service.

On one such day of service, he became sick with the temperature rising. Those who had come out of plague because of the care by Narasimhaiah prayed for his survival. But fate had other intentions. Narasimhaiah became a victim of the plague a few days later.

This renowned stage artiste and Gamaki was Gouri Narasimhaiah, one of the members of the Gouri Purohit family, who were priests in the Palace. He was my grandfather's brother ■

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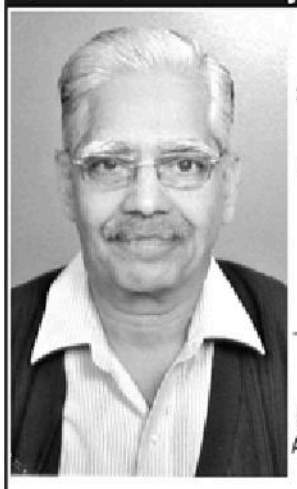

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